

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Saint Nicholas Parish serves as the spiritual home for over 1,000 families! In my first year as your pastor, I have come to know you as a community firmly grounded in your Catholic faith and deeply committed to this parish. We remain steadfast in our fundamental vision of bringing souls closer to our Lord by celebrating sacraments, educating people about our faith and tending to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our community. While we have accomplished a lot and have been extremely resourceful with our ever-limited physical space at Saint Nicholas, our need for more space to serve our community is evident. We want to do MORE serving, MORE educating, MORE praying and MORE celebrating to bring MORE people closer to God.

This is an exciting time for Saint Nicholas as we launch our endeavor to build upon the temporal, or physical, goods of Saint Nicholas Parish. Having considered your input on the project in reference to our mission and the history of Saint Nicholas and with the support of Pastoral and Finance Councils, I endorse and stand behind the Building for the Future Committees as they prayerfully propel this project forward for future generations.

The capital plan supports our Strategic Plan and includes a centralized, accessible and no-step primary entrance to Church, a gathering space for fellowship (receptions, funeral dinners, lunches, concerts, lectures, Bible studies, and more!), a multi-purpose gymnasium, a new playground, an expanded parking lot for safer access and the re-conditioning and strengthening of the beautiful stained glass windows that shine upon our worship space.

When we come to appreciate all the blessings God has bestowed upon us, our response is one of thankfulness, praise and generosity. God has indeed blessed all of us with so much! Those who came before us sacrificed to give us what we have today here at Saint Nicholas in Freedom. As you can see from the 10-year projection on the reverse side, we look forward to a bright future at Saint Nicholas.

Of course, the success of this project depends on the parish having the financial resources to bring our plans to fruition. My request is that each parishioner makes the time to learn about this project. *My prayer is that every member of Saint Nicholas Parish will want to be part of the **Building for the Future** campaign.* Your gifts to the Church are personal but ultimately gifts to God, a response of your faith and a gift of love for all that the Lord has done for you. Please ask Our Lord Jesus to direct you in your generosity to do what you can to make a sacrificial gift to the Saint Nicholas Building for the Future campaign. I am not asking for equal gifts, but rather equal sacrifice. Please join me in praying for an outcome pleasing to the Lord. Join me in BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Walter Stumpf  
Pastor

October 8, 2015

Dear Parishioner,

I am thrilled that we at Saint Nicholas are moving closer to Building for the Future. Praise Jesus! We have been blessed in Freedom to have such a beautiful Church and school in which to pray and learn and grow together in faith. We have immersed ourselves in the presence of God in our baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and our Holy Communions. We hear the Word of God proclaimed. We sing God's praises! We commend the souls' of loved ones to the mercy of God in our funeral liturgies. Now is the time to show true appreciation for what has been handed on to us. I am reminded of the words of the Lord given to the prophet Haggai to encourage the children of Israel to rebuild the temple that had been destroyed.

“And take courage all you people of the land, says the Lord, and work! For I am with you, says the Lord of hosts. This is the pact that I made with you when you came out of Egypt, and my spirit continues in your midst; do not fear!” Haggai 2:4

We have been blessed to live in peace and prosperity. Freedom has not been invaded by enemies nor destroyed by armies. Our buildings stand as a testament to the dedication and faith of those who came before us and those who gather here today. The pastoral council and the finance council have identified areas of growth to better serve our Church family. We want to improve our handicap accessibility and add a gathering space for worship, education, and social events. We need to expand parking and update our playground. The addition of a multi-purpose gymnasium will increase interest and opportunities for years to come. The re-leading of our beautiful stained glass windows will increase their brilliance and keep their message strong for future generations.

Furthermore, we have submitted these plans to Bishop Ricken, and he has approved of this fund raising campaign. That means do it!

I am enclosing our Building for the Future campaign materials. Please read them carefully. Pray to the Blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one God of mercy and love. After your conversation with God, have a conversation with your family. How generous will you be? If you have questions or would like additional information, please reach out to these members of our Capital Campaign Committee:

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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Walter Stumpf

Pastor

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Cooler temperatures and the routines of school back in session remind me that seasons are changing. One awesome change our parish experienced this past summer was the FIRST time in Saint Nicholas history of meeting the Bishop’s Appeal! We came close in 2014, but 2015 was our year. Thank you for this monumental accomplishment!

Our Capital Campaign and Building Committees have poured time and energy into forming a strong project to Build for the Future of Saint Nicholas. As a reminder, this project is serving a variety of identified needs at Saint Nicholas:

- 1. Centralized, accessible and no-step entrance to Church
- 2. Gathering space for fellowship
- 3. Multi-purpose gymnasium
- 4. New playground
- 5. Expanded parking lot for safer access
- 6. Re-conditioning of the stained glass windows

Our parish’s endeavor to expand and maintain our facilities is off to a great start! Pledges are coming in to show support of this project. Although not part of this project, we purchased the lot off Liberty Lane thanks to a generous donor who recognized this property might fit into our long-term strategy.

As we work to attract additional donations, some questions came up surrounding how donors will be recognized or how naming rights will be acknowledged. I am pleased to share how naming will recognize premium donors. Naming rights will be awarded to whomever submits their donation and/or pledge form *first* to the Parish Office. Families and/or groups are also invited to collectively make a donation to earn naming rights.

Available for Naming Rights	Unlimited Term	25-Year Term
Fellowship/Gathering Hall	\$800,000	\$600,000
Gymnasium	\$750,000	\$550,000
Court #1	N/A	\$150,000*
Court #2	N/A	\$150,000*
Playground	\$250,000	N/A
Driveway Entrance: Near Rectory	\$100,000	N/A
Drive Entrance: Unimproved Lot off Liberty Lane	\$100,000	N/A

*\*Court Naming Rights will last the life expectancy of the court floor, which is estimated at 30+ years.*

Any donations totaling more than \$4,800 will be acknowledged with a decorative mural showcased prominently in the new expansion that will display donor names and levels. An example of what I’m referring to is featured below:



I encourage you to prayerfully review the campaign materials you received and discuss your intentions with other family members. We have upcoming Open Forum dates scheduled to allow your questions to be answered and your comments to be heard:

- October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm
- November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm
- January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm

Our ability to raise the funds for this project directly impacts the final scope and design of the expansion. Along with the Finance and Pastoral Councils, I have asked for 100% of the funds to be raised or pledged before we move forward with the project. Bishop Ricken has approved this fundraising campaign; we are now tasked with making the Building for the Future expansion project a reality. Please pray to our God of mercy and love to discern how generous you and your family will be for this project. If you have any questions or would like any additional information, I invite you to follow-up with any member of the Building for the Future Capital Campaign Committee:

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In the Name of Jesus,

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